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PURPLE LODGE.

THE Lodge Room, for the working of this Order, is to be prepared in the following manner :—

[In front of the door of entrance there shall be erected a canopy, made of pillars, a cross piece, and hung with purple curtains.—All being seated.—Directions shall be given to the Tyler.—A Brother shall be appointed, well qualified, to put the Test to all Brethren who enter the room, who are not known to be of the Order (having previously given the Annual to the Tyler). The Brother shall take his station inside the room door.]

MASTER.—*Are all here True and Loyal Purple Brethren?*

MEMBERS.—*We are.*

MASTER.—*To the Test.*

[Then shall the Treasurer try the Brother nearest to him, and he his next, and so on; and the Secretary shall try the Brother nearest to him, and he his next, and so on; the two last at once approach the Deputy Master, and giving him the proof of their having the Order, the Deputy shall rise, and say to the Master—“Worshipful, all present are true Brethren. (The test shall be the proper *division* of the passwords, without the lecture.) The Master shall then read :]

WE have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he

trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.—*Isaiah*, c. xxvi, v. 1, 2, 3, 4. And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion.—*Micah*, c. iv, v. 8. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.—*Zeph.* c. iii, v. 13. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for men, nor waiteth for the sons of men.—*Micah*, c. v, v. 7.

[Then all the Brethren shall stand up, and raising their hands up to their foreheads, making the tips of the thumbs and the two forefingers touch. The Chaplain, or, in his absence, the Master, shall say:]

Let us pray.

LORD we beseech thee, in the fulness of our hearts, to keep us in peace and contentment. Teach us, O Lord, ever to seek after truth, and

to avoid the evil of falsehood. Let sincerity be our guide, and cut off those from amongst us who shall practice deceit before thee; but let not their sin fall upon us; visit not us with the iniquities of other evil doers, for in thy sight, O Lord, none can justify. Teach us, O Lord; while encompassed by our enemies, while strangers seek our ruin, teach us to overcome them, and let their persecutions fall upon us as dew that refresheth the parched earth. Lord teach us to perpetuate and ever exalt the names of thy servants, who are willing and able, from their exalted station, to defend thy Protestant creatures from the powers of Popery and Idolatry. Enable us, O Lord, at all times, to discern between thy true servants and faithful followers, and those who would lead us, by the false way, to worship thee. Let their names be to us for a beacon, and their virtues as mirrors for our souls.—*Amen.*

[The Master shall then declare the Lodge duly opened.]

Ritual of Introduction.

[The usual business of the Lodge having been disposed of, the Master shall direct the Sponsors of the Brethren to be introduced to proceed to the preparation room to bring in the Candidate, the two Sponsors each bearing an Orange Rod, decorated with Purple Ribbons, and between them the Brother, carrying the Bible in his right, and the Regulation Book in his left hand ; they shall thus return to the Lodge-room door, and, in asking for admission, they shall knock and make a noise as if in trouble.]

MASTER.—*What lamentations do we hear in Israel ? Tyler, who is in trouble ?*

TYLER.—(Retiring behind the curtain, asks)—*Who is there ?*

SPONSORS.—*Brethren who flee from the task-masters.*

MASTER.—*Admit them.*

[They remain behind the curtain.]

MASTER.—*Why do the task-masters pursue ?*

SPONSORS.—*The plagues of the Lord do but harden them, and they oppress our Brethren ten-fold.*

MASTER.—*What do our Brethren want ?*

SPONSORS.—*Admission into the House of the Lord for shelter.*

MASTER.—*Shelter our Brethren.*

[The Candidate and his Sponsors are then admitted within the Lodge by passing the curtain.]

MASTER.—*Raise the furnace of burning ashes.*

[The Junior Committeeman shall then raise a furnace, in which shall be warm ashes, or something to represent the same, placed in front of the Master. There shall be a dim light in the Lodge from this time. The Candidate is then brought to the front of the Master. The Chaplain, or Master, shall then read the following portion of Scripture :]

AND the Lord said unto Moses and unto Aaron, take to you handfuls of the ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh : and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven ; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.—*Exodus, c. ix, v. 8, 9, 10.*

[The Candidate is now directed to do as Moses did.]

MASTER.—*Knowest thou why we do this service ?*

CANDIDATE.—*I know it not.*

MASTER.—*Why did you do it then ?*

CANDIDATE.—*In obedience to the command.*

MASTER.—*We do this as a type, to show, that even as the Egyptian task-masters persecuted the Lord's people Israel, so were the Protestant Fathers persecuted by Popery, until the Lord in his mercy delivered them.*

MASTER.—*What dost thou then further desire?*

CANDIDATE.—*Advancement to the Purple Order, Worshipful.*

MASTER.—*Who will vouch for this Brother that he deserves such advancement, and that he is qualified to receive it according to our Rules and Regulations?*

SPONSORS—[Bowling to the Master, shall say]—*We vouch for all these things.*

MASTER.—*What do you carry in your right hand?*

CANDIDATE.—*The Word of God.*

MASTER.—*What is that other Book in your left hand?*

CANDIDATE.—*The Book of our Rules and Regulations.*

MASTER.—*Under the like assurance, we trust that you have hitherto obeyed them in all matters, therefore we gladly advance you into this Order. Purplemen, bring to me our Brother.*

[He shall then be brought to the left side of the Master, by his two Sponsors, one standing on each side.—Then shall the Chaplain or Master say:]

SUBMIT yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the King as supreme; or unto Governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them

that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King.—*First Peter*, c. ii, v. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

MASTER.—*Brother, bend thy knee.*

PURPLE OBLIGATION.

I, *A. B.*, do voluntarily and sincerely swear, that I will keep the Signs, Words, and Tokens of a Purpleman, from an Orangeman, as well as all others who are not members of the Purple Order, unless I shall be duly authorized to communicate them by the proper authorities in the Purple Order of the Orange Institution.

[The Candidate is here invested with the emblems.]

[The Candidate shall then rise up, and the Chaplain or Master shall say:]

BEHOLD the stone that I have laid before Joshua: upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof saith the Lord of Hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that

land in one day.—*Zec. c. iii, v. 9.* For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbable, with those seven ; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.—*Zec. c. iv., v. 10.* In that day shall there be upon the Bells of the Horses, Holiness unto the Lord ; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.”—*Zec. c. xiv., v. 20.* These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.”—*Rev. c. ii., v. 1.*

[Then shall the Master say :]

BROTHER, thou hast been weighed in the balance and not found wanting. Therefore, it has been judged right that thou shouldest be advanced into the Purple order of our Institution : in the which dignity we trust that thy better means of serving this religious and loyal Brotherhood will be duly

employed. And as thine opportunities will now be advanced with thy station among us, so likewise would thy neglect cause our more especial injury. For this cause, **Brother**, increase in thy diligence ; be instant in season and out of season : for the higher we stand, the more should we take heed lest we fall.

[Here the Master takes the Candidate by the right hand.]

In the name of the **Purple Brethren** I bid thee heartily welcome ; nothing doubting, but that thou wilt continue with the greater earnestness to fear **God**, honour the **King**, and maintain the **Law**.

[The Chaplain, or Master, shall then say :]

LORD, watch over this our brother, teach him to keep sacred his vows that he may be found inscribed in the book of remembrance at the end of time. All this we ask in the name of our **Blessed Lord** and **Saviour**.—*Amen*.

[If but one member is to be introduced, here- the Master shall communicate, or cause to be communicated, unto the new Purple Brother, the Signs and Passwords, and at the close, the Chaplain shall say:]

HE that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.--*Rev. c. ii., v. 29.*

The Initiation Fee in this Order is not to be less than Two Shillings and Six Pence, and not to exceed Five Shillings.

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[The Lodge to be closed with the Lord's Prayer.]

**O**UR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*







